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Andrews Finds Another Bertrand

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Court attaches at the Criminal District Courts building are still chuckling over an incident which occurred this past week in Senior Judge Bernard J. Bagert's section of court.

Judge Bagert was sitting as Magistrate Judge at the time and before him stood a long line of prisoners from the Central Lockup who had been hooked with felonies.

Judge Bagert advised them of their legal rights and then questioned each of them individually to ascertain if they could afford to hire a lawyer to defend them.

Seated in the court room watching the proceedings was attorney Dean Andrews, the hip-talking harrister who is awaiting an appeal from a conviction of perjury growing out of the investigation into the alleged conspiracy surrounding the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Andrews became internationally known when he said a man he had known as Clay Bertrand had called him and asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of slaying the President.

The name "Clay Bertrand" became well-known during the subsequent investigation and hearings of the past year.

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ONE OF THE PRISONERS AT the Magistrate session was arrested on a forgery count. Asked by Judge Bagert if he could afford to employ counsel he answered in the negative and the judge turned to the rotund, jovial Andrews and requested him to represent the defendant at the Magistrate hearing.

Andrews accepted and stepped forward to advise the defendant.

"What is your correct name?" asked Judge Bagert of the defendant before the bar.

"Joseph L. Bertrand," he replied.

This of course broke everybody up, particularly the ever-jesting Andrews.

"Any relation to Clay Bertrand?" asked the judge in an anti-climatic gesture.

"No sir," replied the defendant who was told his bond would be \$2,500 on the forgery count.



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